

Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claim 2, and amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 13 and 14 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A method for activating a desired communication mode of an ID communication partner device from a group of possible communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second mode,
wherein the ID communication partner device and at least one other ID communication partner device are brought into a communication connection and wherein a carrier signal is output by the at least one other ID communication partner device, which carrier signal is received by the ID communication partner device, and
wherein the carrier signal is repeatedly designated by at least one mode activation signal by ~~means of~~ the at least one other ID communication partner device, and
wherein the presence of the mode activation signal is recognized by the ID communication partner device, giving a recognition result signal, and
wherein, as a function of the recognition result signal, the desired communication mode of the ID communication partner device is activated, the desired communication mode being either a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the ID communication partner device being configured to operate in the RTF mode and the TTF mode.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one mode activation signal is formed by at least one sinusoidal signal and the carrier signal is designated by a modulation using the at least one sinusoidal signal.

1 4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode
2 activation signal is recognized by ~~a demodulation by means of~~ correlation.

1 5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mode
2 activation signal is recognized by filtering out ~~this~~ the sinusoidal signal.

1 6. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
2 carrier signal is designated only at predefined time intervals.

1 7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a
2 recognition of ~~the~~ a communication status is carried out and wherein the repeated
3 designation of the carrier signal by the mode activation signal is carried out as a
4 function of the communication status.

1 8. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication
2 partner device designed as a communication station, which integrated circuit
3 comprises the following means:
4 output means ~~for (for~~ outputting a carrier signal, signals, which carrier
5 signal can be received by ~~an~~ another ID communication partner device, ~~and~~
6 generation means for generating at least one mode activation signal, and
7 designation means for repeatedly designating the carrier signal with
8 ~~means, by means of which the carrier signal can be repeatedly designated by the~~ at
9 least one mode activation signal, the at least one mode activation signal being
10 configured to be recognized by the another ID communication partner device to
11 initiate a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the
12 another ID communication partner device being configured to operate in the RTF
13 mode and the TTF mode.

1 9. (currently amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein the generation means are designed to form the at least one mode
3 activation signal using ~~by means of~~ at least one sinusoidal signal, and
4 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal
5 with the at least one sinusoidal signal using ~~by means of~~ a modulation.

1 10. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein the designation means are designed to designate the carrier signal only at
3 predefined time intervals.

1 11. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein communication status recognition means are also provided, by
3 means of which a communication status of the ID communication partner device
4 can be recognized, and
5 wherein the designation means are designed to repeatedly designate the
6 carrier signal by the mode activation signal as a function of the communication
7 status.

1 12. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is
2 designed as a communication station and which is provided with an integrated
3 circuit as claimed in claim 8.

1 13. (currently amended) An integrated circuit for an ID communication
2 partner device designed as a data carrier, which integrated circuit comprises the
3 following means:
4 activation means for activating a desired communication mode of the ID
5 communication partner device from a group of possible communication modes,
6 the desired communication mode being either a Reader Talks First (RTF) mode or
7 a Tag Talks First (TTF) mode, the activation means being configured to switch
8 between the RTF mode and the TTF mode, and
9 storage means for storing mode control data of the group of possible
10 communication modes, which group comprises at least a first mode and a second
11 mode, ~~and~~
12 reception means for receiving a carrier signal that is output by another ~~an~~
13 ID communication partner device and is designated with a mode activation signal,
14 and
15 recognition means for recognizing the presence of the at least one mode
16 activation signal, by means of which recognition means a recognition result signal
17 can be generated, as a function of which recognition result signal the activation of

18 the desired communication mode of the ID communication partner device can be
19 activated by the activation means.

1 14. (currently amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13, wherein
2 the recognition means are designed to carry out the recognition of the presence of
3 the at least one mode activation signal by a demodulation using ~~by means of~~
4 correlation.

1 15. (previously presented) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the recognition means are designed to recognize the presence of the at
3 least one mode activation signal by filtering out this signal.

1 16. (previously presented) An ID communication partner device, which is
2 designed as a data carrier and which is provided with an integrated circuit as
3 claimed in claim 13